

## ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ACT CLOSEOUT ACTIVITIES

### PURPOSE OF THE APPROPRIATION

This appropriation provided for lump-sum terminal leave payments, severance pay, and administrative closeout work associated with termination of the Community Services Administration (CSA).

### AUTHORITY FOR THE PROGRAM

The Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 authorized the Director of OMB to provide for termination of the affairs of the Community Services Administration. Section 133 of P.L. 97-51, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 1982, authorized appropriations for this purpose.

### HISTORY OF THE PROGRAM

This program was established in 1982 by an interagency agreement between the Community Services Administration, the General Services Administration, the Department of Health and Human Services, and the Department of the Treasury. The basic intent of the agreement was that, upon the termination of CSA on September 30, 1981, HHS would manage and be responsible for the closeout of CSA program activities, and GSA would manage and be responsible for the closeout of administrative matters.

P.L. 97-51 (1982 continuing resolution) authorized "such sums" as might be needed during 1982 for CSA close-out expenses. \$12 million was apportioned and warranted to GSA for terminal leave, severance payments, and other closedown expenses. Section 139 of P.L. 97-276, 1983 continuing resolution, extended the availability of funds through 1983. A significant number of terminated CSA employees, however, were almost immediately hired by other agencies, and initial costs were far lower than anticipated: only \$1.7 million of the \$12 million had been obligated by the end of 1983; an additional \$1.8 million in reimbursable obligations was also incurred for administrative work performed on behalf of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). At the end of 1983, \$10.3 million unobligated under the direct appropriation was returned to the Treasury.

Since many potential closeout costs were ongoing in nature, \$1 million of the unobligated balance was reappropriated by section 130 of P.L. 98-151, the 1984 continuing resolution. This remained available through September 30, 1988, to complete settlement of CSA employee claims and related overhead costs.

### APPROPRIATION LANGUAGE

Section 133 of P.L. 97-51, Continuing Appropriations for Fiscal Year 1982, provided:

"Notwithstanding any other provision of this joint resolution, such sums as may be necessary shall be available during fiscal year 1982 for close-out expenses of the Community Services Administration."

Section 139 of P.L. 97-276, Continuing Appropriations for Fiscal Year 1983, provided further that:

"Notwithstanding any other provision of this joint resolution, unobligated funds from fiscal year 1982 appropriations provided for closeout activities of the Community Services Administration are to remain available through September 30, 1983."

Section 130 of P.L. 98-151, Further Continuing Appropriations for Fiscal Year 1984, provided:

"Notwithstanding any other provision of law, \$1,000,000 of the unobligated funds as of September 30, 1983 from the appropriation for closeout activities of the Community Services Administration shall remain available through September 30, 1988."

### BUDGETARY HISTORY OF APPROPRIATIONS \$(Thousands)

Fiscal Year	Estimate to OMB	Presidents Allowance	House Bill	Senate Bill	-----Enacted Appropriations-----		
					Amount	P.L.	Date
1982	note	note	--	12,000	12,000	97-51	10/1/81
1983	note	note	--	(10,844)	(10,844)	97-276	10/2/82
1984	note	note	--	1,000	1,000	98-151	11/14/83

Note: Budget estimates were not formally transmitted; amounts/provisions were inserted by the Senate. The 1983 Act extended availability of \$10.8 million in unobligated balances that would have otherwise lapsed.

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FUNDS AVAILABLE, OBLIGATIONS, AND OUTLAYS  
\$(Thousands)

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Approp- riation</u>	<u>Available Balances</u>	<u>Total Available</u>	<u>Obligated During Year</u>	<u>Unoblig Balance</u>	<u>Outlays</u>
1982	12,000	--	12,000	1,156	10,844	430
1983	--	10,844	10,844	548	10,296	1,238
1984	1,000	--	1,000	51	949	97
1985	--	949	949	7	942	137
1986	--	942	942	17	925	16
1987	--	925	925	6	919	8
1988	--	919	919	- 2	921	* --

Note: The 1983 ConRes made 1982 unobligated balances available in 1983; 1983 unobligated balances lapsed. The 1984 Act reappropriated \$1,000 of the lapsed balances to remain available through 1988.

\* Returned to Treasury.